GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURE EXPORT ZONE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved/cleared Agriculture Export Zones(AEZs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of those AEZs cleared/approved but not started their function; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) 60 Agri Export Zones (AEZs) have been sanctioned in 20 states. Though, investments and exports have not taken place in some, developmental activities are taking place. MoU in the case of Darjeeling Tea in West Bengal has not been signed as yet. Performance of all the AEZs is given below:

S.No.	State	AEZ	Project Exports (Rs. in Crores)	Actual Investment	Actual exports	Projected investment	Projected
1	West Bengal	Pineapple	0.20	54.50	127.00	35.59	
		Lychee	3.30	0.93	27.85	10.44	
		Potatoes	3.72	0.15	381.00	36.65	
		Mango	74.00	3.58	103.15	31.18	
		Vegetables	4.43	0.12	152.00	28.80	
		Darjeeling Tea	0.00	0.00	673.75	212.65	
2	Karnataka	Gherkins	960.19	87.34	35.25	10.95	
		Rose Onion	182.06	0.13	50.00	6.10	
		Flowers	20.00	3.57	312.50	29.28	
		Vanilla	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.90	
3	Uttranchal	Lychee	2.45	3.72	38.20	8.70	
		Flowers	0.04	10.19	28.28	13.76	
		Basmati rice	0.00	0.39	14.54	6.33	
		Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	1.00	0.00	43.57	18.81	
4	Punjab	Vegetables	0.03	35.75	129.00	26.77	
		Potatoes	2.80	8.46	393.75	10.41	
		Basmati Rice	1521.00	5.27	2340.90	23.30	
5	Uttar Pradesh	Potatoes	7.00	0.97	555.50	10.42	
		Mangoes and Vegetables	0.47	13.95	170.82	44.71	
		Mangoes	12.49	7.85	71.00	36.11	
		Basmati Rice	0.00	0.47	510.00	39.75	
6	Maharashtra	Grape and grapewine	287.00	110.17	68.47	3.50	
		Mango (Alphonso)	123.00	36.86	145.59	35.12	
		Kesar Mango	12.17	3.43	44.19	18.56	
		Flowers	18.00	168.00	75.00	17.89	
		Onions	588.00	38.33	154.49	32.24	
		Pomegranate	20.24	1.53	48.00	14.98	
		Banana	0.02	6.99	52.55	13.45	
		Oranges	2.72	0.01	77.28	26.24	
7	Andhra Pradesh	Mango Pulp & Fresh vegetables	426.44	38.19	252.00	53.68	

	Mango and Grapes	18.29	12.74	59.69	57.21
	Mango	2.75	2.65	48.59	17.89
	Gherkins	44.52	0.14	313.00	20.05
	Chilli	0.00	0.00	93.75	23.68
8	Jammu & Kashmir Apple	55.18	5.44	292.74	85.35
	Walnuts	13.30	14.14	90.40	36.93
9	Tripura Organic pineapple	0.00	7.62	31.64	15.66
10	Madhya Pradesh Potatoes, Onion & Garlic	15.99	42.64	126.19	49.45
	Seed Spices	38.43	4.55	85.10	31.93
	Wheat (Duram)	21.00	4.71	1155.00	86.42
	Lentil and Grams	0.00	0.00	235.75	18.65
	Oranges	0.00	8.90	29.91	10.0
11	TamiNadu Flower	33.40	22.47	158.76	24.85
	Flowers	0.50	5.50	109.88	15.88
	Mangoes	0.00	0.81	85.00	24.60
	Cashewnut	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.35
12	Bihar Lychee, Vegetables & Honey	5.87	20.10	154.00	12.13
13	Gujarat Mango and Vegetables	1.65	5.77	92.64	33.72
	Value added	150.00	13.67	234.25	35.08
	Onion				
	Sesame Seeds	0.00	0.00	381.50	10.0
14	Sikkim Flowers and Cherry Pepper	0.00	1.15	45.08	32.31
	Ginger	0.00	0.00	76.60	24.61
15	Himachal Pradesh Apples	0.00	0.00	170.00	57.07
16	Orissa Ginger and Turmeric	1.76	0.00	143.97	6.03
17	Jharkhand Vegetables	0.00	0.00	81.70	7.09
18	Kerala Horticulture Products	212.00	3.10	163.00	29.87
	Medicinal Plant	0.00	0.00	157.00	26.24
19	Assam Fresh & Processed Ginger	2.17	3.15	40.83	17.53
20	Rajasthan Coriander	0.00	0.00	55.20	12.63
	Cumin	0.00	0.00	161.50	28.37
	TOTAL	5340.07	820.08	11821.47	1717.95

(source:APEDA)

(d) A peer evaluation of the performance of the existing Agri Export Zones (AEZs) with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in achievement of targets and suggest remedial action has been carried out. An action plan, based on the findings which includes constitution of the State Level Coordination Committee and Monitoring Committee and nomination of Nodal agencies for the AEZ has been laid down.